

6 May 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting With Members of the Survey and Investigation Staff of the House Appropriations Committee on Payroll Method and Procedures

1. Under date of 9 April 1957, Messrs. Ralph F. Keister and Andrew J. Shannon, members of the Survey and Investigation Staff of the House Appropriations Committee, called at my office and stated that they had been given a directive signed by Mr. Cannon, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, to make a survey of payroll method and procedures used by certain government agencies covering civilian officers and employees located within the continental United States. They further stated that the Central Intelligence Agency had been specifically named in this directive.

2. In order to conduct the survey on a uniform basis, they had devised a six-page format which each agency would use in compiling the statistical data requested together with the answers to the questions contained in the format. The survey was to include all paid civilian officers and employees in pay status as of 31 March 1957.

3. It was pointed out to Messrs. Keister and Shannon that the provisions of Public Law 110 exempted the Agency from providing information relative to the organization, functions, names, official titles, salaries, or number of personnel employed by the Agency and, therefore, we could not comply with the request unless specifically directed to do so by Mr. Cannon and then, only on the assurance that the information would only be made available to the members of the Agency's Special Subcommittee on Appropriations.

4. Messrs. Keister and Shannon agreed that the Agency should discuss the matter with members of Mr. Cannon's Staff and obtain clarification as to CIA's participation in the study being made. They left the necessary forms in order that they may be completed if the final decision by Mr. Cannon was that the survey should include CIA.

5. The necessary information was compiled and the forms completed under date of 23 April 1957. The material was discussed with Mr. Orescan of Mr. Cannon's Staff, who stated that he would look into the matter and advise us of the decision.

6. On 24 April 1957, Mr. Orescan called and stated that the CIA was being eliminated from the list of agencies to be surveyed. A telephone call was then made to Messrs. Keister and Shannon to advise them of the action taken and the decision made by Mr. Cannon's Office.

Mr. Shannon stated that they had already been advised that the survey of CIA had been cancelled.

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7. Mr. Norman Paul, Legislative Counsel, and [REDACTED] Budget Officer, participated in the discussions together with the undersigned, with Messrs. Keister and Shannon. [REDACTED] and the undersigned handled the matter with Mr. Orescan of Mr. Cannon's Office.

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